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Kindergarten Open Houses

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See inside for more information or visit our kindergarten website:

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To complete registration, you will need your child's:

1. Birth Certificate, Birth Registration or Baptismal Certificate
2. Immunization Certificate

You may also be asked to show proof of address such as a recent utility bill or driver's license.

What should my child know?

Children do not need to have specific knowledge or skills to begin school. However, it is helpful if they are able to:

- Share and know how to take their turn
- Cooperate and play well with others
- Listen and pay attention for short periods of time
- Speak and ask for what they need
- Recognize their own name and answer to it
- Help out and pick up and put away classroom materials and toys after activity time
- Dress and undress themselves
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■ SPORTS

Grey Cup in Niagara

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNEWS Staff

WELLAND — Notre Dame College School was buzzing in anticipation for the arrival of Toronto Argonauts' Chris Van Zeyl last Friday.

And the Grey Cup.

Children visiting from St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School next door asked for autographs from the football star.

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Aviva Canada president Maurice Tulloch, far right, presents $115,000 for the Isaac Riehl memorial skatepark project, winner of the Aviva Community Fund online contest, during a live broadcast of Canada AM from E.L Crossley Secondary School on Tuesday morning.

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■ **LOCAL:** Library offers lecture from historian and author

Author shares his stories of the Underground Railroad

SARAH FERGUSON
PELHAMNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Searching through land and church records, bills of sale for slaves as well wills belonging to masters, Bryan Prince has been able to piece together the stories of many slaves who came to Canada prior to the American Civil War, including his own family.

The farmer-turned author has a profound interest in the history of slavery and the Underground Railroad and he will be giving a presentation about Canada's involvement during that period at Pelham Public Library's Fonthill branch Tuesday, Feb. 5.

His hometown of Buxton, Ont., was at one point in time, Canada's largest settlement for former slaves who escaped into Canada, he said.

He has been researching the period since 1977, and his journey to uncover it has taken him across Canada, the U.S., as well as Great Britain to interview people and research long forgot documents.

"I've always loved the stories of slavery and escape to Canada through the Underground Railroad," he said.

Prince is a descendent of slaves who escaped to Canada—Prince's family learned about their history through examining a photo of Prince's great-great grandfather Edward Prince more closely.

"In the photo my great-great grandfather was white and the story was that he was from Ireland."

But what didn't add up was the fact that Prince's great-great grandfather had lived in settlements for former slaves.

As it turns out, Prince's great-great-grandfather was born a slave in South Carolina — Edward Prince's father, Silzanuf Prince, was a slave master who had children with one of his slaves.

A common misconception, says Prince, is that slavery stories are handed down from generation to generation. But the truth is these stories "are almost never passed down."

Prince expects the reason for this is because many people had felt shame and didn't want to share their stories with their children.

"It's so sad because these people went through this horrendous experience and then this great triumph," Prince said referring to the triumph of the Underground Railway had in the anti-slavery movement.

Finding information about the history of slavery has been difficult, but Prince said he was able to pull "little nuggets" of information from "here and there" and has written three books retelling real-life stories about enslaved families and their journeys for freedom.

Some of the information about families he was able to uncover came from notes written by agents of the Underground Railroad.

"When I started researching, I was stunned at how extensive records are if you're willing to dig."

Although he said it's important to understand the history of slavery, Prince said it's not his ultimate goal to force people to learn about it.

"These are incredible stories I've been able to piece together."

What's more important, Prince said, is to share these incredible stories with those who share his passion for history.

WHAT where

Who
Bryan Prince

What
Prince and his wife Shannon will give a lecture on Canadian involvement in the anti-slavery movement.

When
Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

Where
Pelham Public Library, Fonthill Branch

Why
To share his historial expertise as an award-winning author. His work includes I Came as a Stranger, A Shadow On The Household, One More River To Cross, and A Thousand Miles to Freedom (television documentary). Prince was the historical consultant for the PBS television documentary Underground Railroad: The William Still Story.

■ **POLICY**

Bylaw enforcement to be based on risk assessment

SARAH FERGUSON
PELHAMNEWS Staff

PELHAM — The Town of Pelham's bylaw enforcement services are about to get a much-needed update.

Changes to how bylaw enforcement officers handle complaints received unanimous committee approval during LAST Monday's priorities and policy meeting and needs to be ratified at the Feb. 4 council meeting before implementation.

The town's protocol for enforcing bylaws, which hasn't changed since the 1990s, will be managed by fire Chief Bob Lymburner.

He explained that he spoke to staff from other communities in the region on how they handle their bylaw enforcement and whether they've been successful.

Based on the most successful models, Lymburner said Pelham's new policy was developed.

Ward 3 Coun. John Durley said he likes the new policy but he didn't fully understand the town's new risk assessment system, which is used to help staff gauge whether a complaint is a serious hazard that needs to be addressed right away or a minor concern that can be dealt with later on.

Lymburner said issues are assessed and given priority based on the type of risk, severity and the probability of it recurring.

"As the likelihood and severity increase, the risk increases," Lymburner said.

Lymburner used the example of hogweed, a potentially harmful plant found growing in someone's backyard, saying that would be considered a lower risk than if the plant were found growing in a park where children were at play.

The fire chief said the new system will improve communication between staff and residents as well as deter people from making less serious complaints.

Chief administrative officer Darren Ottaway said staff will not be required to make an appointment to view sites which have received complaints.

Prior to this policy, Ottaway said residents have voiced their frustrations about unannounced visits from bylaw officers.

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■ FOOTBALL

Argo brings Grey Cup to Niagara

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Fans shook his hands and curious Notre Dame students peered into the school gymnasium to see what all the hullabaloo was about.

The only experience Van Zeyl said he enjoyed more than winning the Canadian Football League trophy was being able to bring it to his alma mater.

The 2001 graduate greeted students during an informal 90-minute gathering in the gym Friday morning.

"It's incredible to come back and give back to the community where you grew up and share in what you've accomplished," Van Zeyl said.

The man who played high school football for the Fighting Irish grew up in Fonthill. He became a lineman at McMaster University, and later joined the Toronto Argonauts, who won the Cup last November during the milestone 100th Grey Cup game.

Owen Gallagher, a Grade 4 student at St. Kevin, was thrilled to see the Grey Cup up close and to say hello to The Argos' No. 54.

"I really like playing football. It's so much fun," Gallagher said about the sport. "I'm so excited to see the Cup."

Greg Hulse, who stopped by Notre Dame to say hello to Van Zeyl and take a glance at the cup, has been an Argonauts fan for 50 years.

"(The Grey Cup game) is the one time everyone in this country sits down and watches the television," Hulse said, adding that having the Grey Cup in Niagara is also something that doesn't happen every day.

Van Zeyl took the Cup Friday afternoon to his hometown, where people pumping iron at Fonthill Fitness were treated to the trophy made of silver.

Originally costing $48 when it was commissioned in 1909, the Cup has a sterling silver chalice attached to a large base on which the names of all winning teams, players and executives are engraved. It has been broken four times and stolen twice — once held for ransom.

According to Wikipedia, it survived a 1947 fire that destroyed numerous artifacts housed in the same building, the Toronto Argonaut Rowing Club.

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JOE CSEH PelhamNEWS Photo

Notre Dame student Chad Moccia, left, and Fonthill Fitness owner Mike Browne "spot" Toronto Argonauts lineman Chris Van Zeyl as he bench presses the Grey Cup during a visit to Fonthill, his one-time hometown.

JOE CSEH PelhamNEWS Photo

ABOVE: Using the Grey Cup as their stand and Notre Dame student Chad Moccia as their referee, Fonthill Fitness owner Mike Browne, left, arm wrestles Toronto Argonauts lineman and Fonthill native Chris Van Zeyl. BELOW: Three-month-old Westley Inman of Fonthill gets the chance to sit in the Grey Cup, thanks to Chris Van Zeyl.

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Toronto Argonauts lineman Chris Van Zeyl helps fan Kenny LeBlanc, a Grade 4 student from St. Kevin Catholic School, hold up the Grey Cup.

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comment

Meaningful remembrance of Isaac

Congratulations to the students of E.L. Crossley for a job well done.

Led by Grade 12 student Mariah Bunz, Crossley students spent the last few months garnering support for the Aviva Insurance Fund.

The fund gives money to community projects based on support through online voting.

Bunz thought of the idea to launch the fundraising campaign to build a skate park in memory of Isaac Riehl shortly after, Isaac, a Grade 9 student at Crossley, passed away in October.

His life was taken too soon as a result of an accident on Foss Rd., when Isaac was riding his longboard and he came into collision with a car.

Since Bunz entered the idea to build the skate park into the competition, it has taken on a life of its own and reached out to many people in the community to support it.

When they heard Bunz was trying to secure funding to help build the skate park, the Crossley school community came together to encourage others to vote to help the idea build momentum.

Tuesday morning was a special day for the community when all eyes across Canada were on Crossley.

As the winners of the contest were announced during a live broadcast of Canada AM, students, staff, Isaac's friends and others in the community came together to celebrate the idea to build Isaac's skate park, which was a finalist in the competition.

Whether or not they won the competition didn't matter in the end. What really mattered is that the students from Crossley, some who knew Isaac and others who knew of him, have worked together to honour Isaac's memory in a meaningful way.

Those involved with promoting the skate park and the Aviva Insurance Fund should be proud of what they accomplished and how far they came in the competition.

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■ LETTER:

Organizers thankful for support

The 21st Annual Citizens of Pelham Food Drive was held on Saturday, Dec. 1. As always, the event was a huge success.

We wish to thank the thousands of residents of Pelham who donated food items by leaving them on their doorstep or bringing them to our drop-off points, and the hundreds of volunteers, students, army cadets, families, church groups, schools, service clubs and business groups, who canvassed the town and picked food up door-to-door and delivered it to Pelham Cares.

As is our tradition, we were also able to share food with our neighbours in Welland through donations to Open Arms Mission, Salvation Army and The Hope Centre.

We wish to thank the following sponsors for generously providing nourishment for the volunteers who collected, sorted and boxed the food that was received: Blue Star Restaurant, Country Corner Market, Fonthill Sobeys, Keith's Restaurant, Lazy Loon Restaurant and Tim Hortons Fonthill.

We wish to acknowledge the monetary support from the following groups that is used to advertise and promote the Food Drive: Fenwick Firefighters Association, Fenwick Lions Club, Fonthill Lioness Club, Fonthill Lions Club, Fonthill and District Kinsmen, Rotary Club of Fonthill, and the Royal Canadian Legion Fonthill. Thanks also to Bee Line Signs for putting up the large signs advertising the Drive at a greatly discounted price.

Many thanks to the following businesses for being food drop-off points for rural residents: Century 21 Today Realty, Clare's Cycle & Sports, Meridian Credit Union, North Pelham Avondale and Star Tile Centre.

To our friends in the online and print media we appreciate your outstanding promotion and coverage.

Thank you to the Fenwick Lions, especially Lion Ken Angle, for leading the Fenwick food collection, and to the Fonthill Lions, especially Lion Brian Buchanan for taking charge of the kitchen. Much appreciation to Glen Robins, Gwenn Alves, Maxine Gaylor, and Lion Doug Gaylor for your ongoing, valuable assistance with organizing the Fonthill food collection.

Community spirit is alive and well in Pelham and we are grateful to be part of such a caring and responsible community that works hard to ensure food security for all of our citizens.

Gerry and Sylvia Berkhout

Co-organizers,
Citizens of Pelham Food Drive

■ DEVELOPMENT

Region waives industrial development charges

DAVE AUGUSTYN
MAYORAL VIEW

Under something called the Development Charges Act, the province allows municipalities to collect fees to help offset the "costs of growth."

New growth — residential, commercial, or industrial — applies additional pressures on municipal infrastructure and services. For example, new residential development areas often require additional water and waste water services. Or, if hundreds of new homes are built, new residents place pressures on roads and other municipal services — everything from recreational services, to library usage, to fire protection. This "pressure" means additional costs to add trunk water lines, to widen collector roads, or to build new facilities.

Many years ago, existing property taxpayers would have paid for these additional municipal infrastructure and services. Many felt that that lacked fairness, and that "new growth should pay for new growth." Those on the other side of the argument felt that new growth should pay no more than its fair share.

Thus, a balance is sought where new growth should not create a financial burden on existing residents of the community while the existing residents should not enjoy a financial benefit at the expense of new residents.

Both the Region and the Town of Pelham have been collecting development charges (DCs) for some time. Development charges, also previously known as impost fees or capital levies, must be enacted by a special bylaw and be renewed no less than every five years.

After a year-and-a-half of study and consultation, the Region adopted a new DC bylaw in July 2012, and the new charges came into effect on Sept. 1. Based on the calculated and forecasted infrastructure costs, the charge for non-exempted industrial development increased from $2.22 per square foot to $5.16.

In mid-November, representatives from the Niagara Industrial Association (NIA) approached the Region and appealed for a reduction or waiving of the fees. Despite the Region's industrial incentives — like exemptions for the redevelopment of former industrial sites, exemptions for expansions up to 50% of a plant's size, and the recently approved Niagara Gateway Zone incentives — the NIA said they needed a total exemption in order to compete with other jurisdictions and to create jobs.

In early-December the Development Charges Task Force agreed with the NIA and recommended a two-year exemption of Regional DCs; it was further recommended that during the exemption period, staff must track the results and report on the "return on investment" before a further exemption will be granted.

On Jan. 17, regional council approved the two-year waiver for industrial development charges. I hope that the move will encourage the creation and continuation of much-needed manufacturing jobs across the region.

You may contact Mayor Dave at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com.

■ **HIGH SKILLS MAJOR:** Student-built home nears completion

Call it home schooling

ALLAN BENNER
PelhamNews Staff

PELHAM — It is the most challenging home local District School Board of Niagara students have ever worked on.

Jason Boks from DeHaan Homes said his company pulled no punches when working with the 16 specialist high skills major students from throughout the region who spent nearly five months building the $400,000 home at 37 Hurricane Rd.

"My boss made some changes, and changed some window heights. He didn't like the way the windows were," Boks said. "There were a bunch of changes. We changed the bathroom layout."

And the students, he added, were asked to tear out all their hard work, and start over again.

But overall, he was impressed with the results of their work.

"They did a really good job," he said. "The biggest thing is they took their time. If you take your time, you do it right."

The students gathered in the nearly-complete house last Wednesday to celebrate the achievement.

Teacher Ken Willms said it is the 16th home in Niagara that DSBN students have constructed, and this project was the most difficult so far.

ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo
Jason Boks from DeHann Homes, front left, and teacher Ken Willms, stand in front of a $400,000 house on Hurricane Rd. built by District School Board of Niagara specialist high skills major students including Brad Clark, Aaron Downey, Carson Firth, Brent Gibbs, Carl Joy, Jessica Lawson, Mackenzie Murphy, Nathan Otten, Dan Rattle, Eric Richardson, Victoria Sawatsky, Evan Smyth, Adrian Valentin, Peter Veldman and Simon Willms.

He said plans for the roof trusses alone were 62 pages long.

"It's really been a great experience," Willms said. "A lot of (the students) are going to go on and be apprentices in carpentry or electrical. A lot of them are going to go on to own their own business, and I see that happening all the time."

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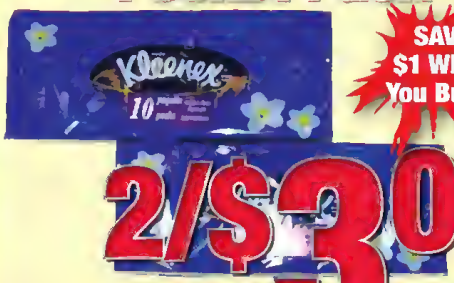

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Author invites community to book launch

For PelhamNews

Vanessa Brownbridge is a local artist who has participated in several Pelham artist tours as well as the Pelham arts festival.

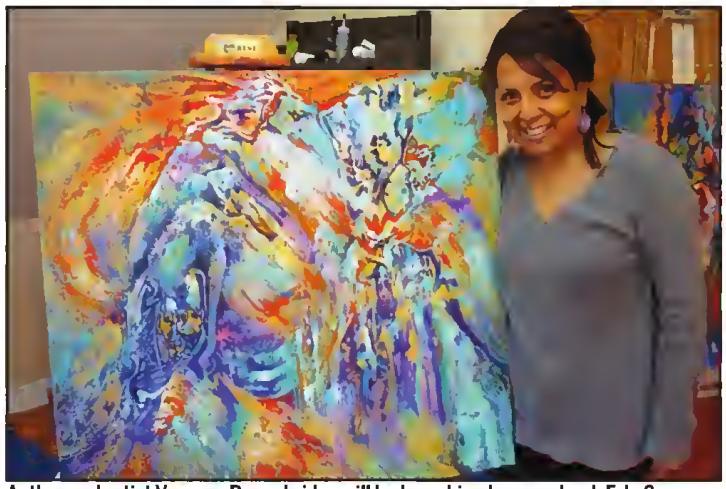
Currently, she is planning a book launch and signing Feb. 2 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and is inviting everyone to come and see her beautiful art pieces, hear what her book is all about and help her launch it.

Her book is a beautiful coffee table edition entitled Symbols of the White Dove Channeled Paintings and Messages of Love From the He(art) Brush of the Soul.

The book narrates Vanessa's story of how she thought of the ideas for her channeled artwork and what she sees and interprets in each piece.

Vanessa's book is about love, forgiveness and compassion. She believes that we all have within us the power to change and that this is what her book and her paintings share. Her hope is that this message will resonate with others who want to be more loving, compassionate and appreciative.

The book signing will be held at 1152 Maple St., in Fenwick. Individuals interested in attending are encouraged to call ahead to reserve a chair. For more information call 905-892-5565.



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Pelham councillors requested more information from town staff about a recommendation to construct a portable lunchroom at Pelham Arena using money from the municipality's recreation reserve.

The lunchroom would cost $142,090 and be constructed to permit the town to move it to another location or sell it in the future if required.

The town submitted the upgrade to the arena, as well as two other projects, in July to the Community Infrastructure Investment Initiative. It was successful in receiving funds for renovations at Old Pelham Town Hall and to the pool house at Marlene Stewart Streit Park, but not the arena.

The town has retained $60,000 for repairs to the arena in the recreational reserve fund from a 2009 request to the capital budget.

Chief administrative officer Darren Ottaway said the future of the arena is unknown. Having a portable building instead of making a permanent investment makes "practical sense" and will provide "a cost savings."

He said that the lunch room installation is needed to respond to health and safety issues that exist in the arena.

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REMINDER: NOTICE OF FINAL PUBLIC MEETING

To be held by Niagara Region Wind Corporation regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: Niagara Region Wind Farm

Project Location: The proposed project is located within Haldimand County and Niagara Region (including the Townships of Wainfleet and West Lincoln and the Town of Lincoln). If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 230 MW, consisting of 77 turbines (80 potential locations have been identified).

The project team will be holding a series of Public Meetings, as required under section 16(1) of Ontario Regulation 359/09.
The purpose of these meetings will be to present the findings of the Draft Renewable Energy Approval (REA) Reports and proposed revisions to the Draft Site Plan, released in August 2012.

We are offering multiple meeting locations and dates for this event. The sessions will be drop-in style, and each session will be identical so that you can attend whichever session is most convenient. Due to the level of interest we have received for this project, we encourage you to attend any of the sessions, as there may be a brief wait to enter the venue at some venues. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated.

Tuesday February 5, 2013	Town of Grimsby: Peach King Centre Auditorium, 162 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Town of Lincoln: Bled Hall, 4650 South Service Road, Beamsville, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday February 6, 2013	Town of Pelham: Old Pelham Town Hall, 491 Canboro Road, Ridgeville, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Township of West Lincoln: Wellandport Community Centre, 5042 Canborough Road (RR#63), Wellandport, 4:30 – 10 p.m. ***(please note the extended hours at this location)***
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IN BRIEF

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FIREFIGHTERS AWARDED

The Town of Pelham has recognized eight volunteer firefighters with Pelham Fire Service Awards.

Fire Chief Bob Lymburner presented plaques to Gerry Novosel, Frank Lahmann, Terry Beckett and Owen Simmonds for 30 years of service and Yvon Audette for 25 years of service. Murray Bering, Ben Gutenberg and Bob Cullen were recognized for their 20 years of service.

BOWLING FOR WOMEN

Melissa Stack, of Women's Place of South Niagara, challenged Pelham councillors to participate in the 11th Strike Out Violence Bowling Tournament on March 1.

"We are challenging all the cities in the region to take part in this event," she said. "The top team of the tourney will be presented with an award at a dinner reception following bowling."

The tournament is held in celebration of International Women's Day and supports Nova House in Niagara Falls and Serenity Place in Welland, as well as counselling and other programs for women and children.

Both shelters are partially funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services but also relies on fundraising and private donations to cover operating costs.

Women's Place received 1,937 crisis calls last year; 287 women and children were provided with shelter.

Tournaments will be held at Cataract Bowl on Lundy's Lane and Strike Rock N' Bowl on Clifton Hill in Niagara Falls. A $50 donation is required per person for a team of eight. For more information call 905-356-3933 ext. 241.

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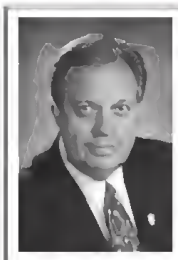

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■ **HOCKEY:** Atoms seal victory with five goals in third

Atom Sharks fans celebrated 8-3 win

For PelhamNews

In atom action of the Pelham Minor Hockey Association, McDonald's Sharks finished a battle with Niagara-on-the-Lake with a 8-3 victory.

Sharks fans gathered at the Pelham Arena Sunday, Jan. 13 to cheer on Pelham.

They weren't disappointed as the first two periods saw a goal-for-goal exchange between both teams.

In the third period, the Sharks came to life, scoring five goals to seal the victory for Pelham.

Scoring for the Sharks, Anthony Battista, Tyler Barnett, Benjamin Shirton and Jacob Shirton each scored single goals and picked up assists.

Ethan Engel and Jacob Robins also scored single goals while Owen Metler, Joe Witlib and Chloe D'Angelo each earned assists for the Sharks.

In between the pipes, Kylee Ring played an outstanding game against Niagara-on-the-Lake.

■ **HOCKEY:** Stars play White Lightning

Tykes play first game

For PelhamNews

After they spent the first half of the season working on developing their skills, the Pelham Tim Hortons Stars tykes took on the Tim Hortons White Lightning for their first game of season on Jan. 12.

All the players were very excited about getting on the ice to play, with many eager to play their very first ever hockey game with referees.

Ethan Baxter, of the White Lightning, and Nicholas Burnison, of the Stars, led the way in net.

Austin Wilson started things, scoring for White Lightning, putting in a rebound from Braeden Miltenburg's shot.

Brandon Bernardi tied the game with his first career goal while David Mayor put the Lightning ahead with his first ever goal.

Austin Wilson scored the next two goals of the game, completing his hat trick.

David Mayor scored his second of the game, on an end-to end-rush.

Miltenburg scored his first of the season in the third period after stick handling his way through the defense.

Late in the game, Owen Kuebeck scored for the Stars, his first career goal, after a goal mouth scramble. Abbey Harris played a great game on defense for the White Lightning, while Maxx Veld of the Stars had several end-to-end rushes.

■ **HOCKEY**

Blue Dogs tie White Lightning

For PelhamNews

The Tim Hortons Blue Dogs tykes took on the Tim Hortons White Lightning on Jan. 17, for the Blue Dog's first game of season, ending in a 3-3 tie.

Blake Furtney, of the Lightning, and Lily Reynolds, of the Blue Dogs, led the way in net. Both played extremely well, making some great saves. Braeden Miltenburg scored the first goal of the game for the Lighning on an end-to-end rush.

He completed his natural hat trick, scoring two more goals in the second period, both on breakaways.

Merek Triano of the Blue Dogs scored two goals in the third period to pull the Blue Dogs to within one goal. Triano scored again near the end of the game, to tie the game up with his own natural hat trick.

Aaron Sviergula played a great game on offense for the White Lightning, having a couple great shots.

Alex Fois of the Blue Dogs was stellar on defense, stopping the White Lightning from scoring several times.

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Ridgeway Public School*
143 Ridge Road, Ridgeway
(905) 894-3751

River View Public School
3300 Cattell Drive, Niagara Falls
(905) 295-3251

Ross Public School*
358 Niagara Street, Welland
(905) 734-4273

Senator Gibson Public School
4944 John Street, Beamsville
(905) 563-7431

Sheridan Park Public School**
114 Linwell Road, St. Catharines
(905) 937-0510

Simcoe Street Public School
4760 Simcoe Street, Niagara Falls
(905) 358-9121

Smith Public School**
18 Oakes Road North, Grimsby
(905) 945-8014

St. Davids Public School
1344 York Road, St. Davids,
(905) 262-4533

Steele Street Public School**
214 Steele Street, Port Colborne
(905) 834-4333

Stevensville Public School
3521 Main Street East, Stevensville
(905) 382-3122

Valley Way Public School
5315 Valley Way, Niagara Falls
(905) 356-6611

Victoria Public School**
5635 Heritage Drive, Niagara Falls
(905) 354-1321

Vineland Public School
4057 Victoria Avenue N, Vineland
(905) 562-5211
(Shared program for Maple Grove and Vineland)

Westdale Public School
130 Rykert Street, St. Catharines
(905) 682-9284

Westmount Public School
73 Ann Street West, Thorold
(905) 227-3827

William E. Brown *Public School
31870 Lee Street, Wainfleet
(905) 899-3471

Winger Public School*
53220 Winger Road, Wainfleet
(905) 899-3821

Woodland Public School**
1511 7th Street Louth, St. Catharines
(905) 685-1331

The following schools will not be holding Open Houses; please see below for details:

Crowland Central Public School
738 Lyons Creek Road, Welland
Please register at Mathews Public School

Fort Erie Elementary School
474 Central Avenue, Fort Erie
Please register at General Vanier Public School

Rose Seaton Public School
255 Emerick Avenue, Fort Erie
Please register at General Vanier Public School

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Not sure which school your children should be attending?

SchoolLocator

www.dsbn.org

Our easy-to-use School Locator can help! Simply type in your address to find the location of your DSBN home school!

New to Niagara?

Becoming part of a new community raises a number of important questions. Some of the most important questions undoubtedly include where your children will attend school and how their needs will be met.

To help make your transition easier, the DSBN Welcome Centre is here to support all newcomer families and international students. We'll help find the right school for your children, provide you with resources available in many different languages and connect you with the services of a settlement worker.
are learning English.

To arrange your appointment, please call 905-641-1550 and ask for the Welcome Centre. We warmly welcome students of all cultures, faiths and languages.

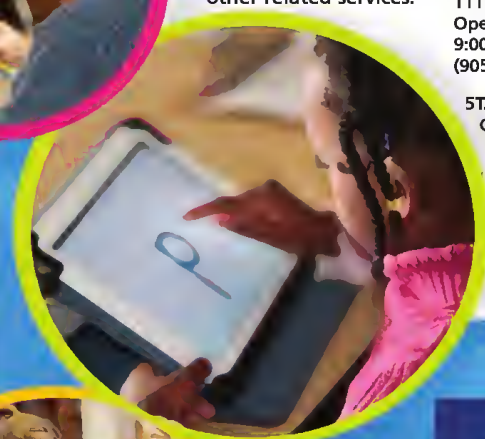
Tips to get your child ready for school

Starting school is an important step in your son's or daughter's life—and yours. It's a big change. It's exciting. It's even a little scary. Here are some tips* that will help you get your child ready for that first day of school.

1. Learn at home. Include learning in your child's everyday life. For example, a child can practise by reading package labels or weighing produce while shopping. Read to your child. Play word or counting games.
2. Teach the importance of listening. School means being able to listen. Kids need to understand and practise listening, things like: look at who is talking, don't interrupt, and think about what is being said.
3. Practise sharing. Give your child all kinds of opportunities to be with other kids, to learn to share, wait, and take turns. That's what school is all about.
4. Develop young muscles. Give your child every opportunity to exercise and develop larger muscles by running, climbing, playing with a ball, etc. Smaller hand muscles can be strengthened with Play-Dough®, pencils, and crayons.
5. Encourage questions. Give your child the confidence to ask questions in all situations. Let your child know that it's OK to tell the teacher if something is hard to understand.

The DSBN's Kindergarten website is an important tool to help your family prepare for school. You will find information about open houses, a downloadable registration form and tips to help your child be ready for their year of school. There is also a contact form where you can ask questions and find additional support. We look forward to welcoming you and your family in September!

*from the Ontario Ministry of Education



Visit a PFLC and get a head start on literacy!

The DSBN's five Parenting and Family Literacy Centres give children from infancy to six years old a chance to get a head start in their learning through a variety of engaging and educational activities.

In addition to the numerous educational activities, the PFLCs will also be able to link families to important community resources such as special needs, health, employment and other related services.

PARENTING AND FAMILY LITERACY CENTRE LOCATIONS:

NIAGARA FALLS REGION
Kate Durdan Public School
6855 Kalar Road, Niagara Falls,
Open Monday-Friday,
8:30am -12:30pm
(905) 356-0488

FORT ERIE REGION
Rose Seaton Public School
255 Emerick Avenue, Fort Erie
Open Monday - Friday,
9:00am - 1:00pm
(905) 871-4393

ST. CATHARINES NORTH REGION
Lincoln Centennial Public School
348 Scott Street, St. Catharines
Open Monday - Friday,
8:45am - 12:45pm
(905) 937-5110

WELLAND REGION
Plymouth Public School
111 First Street, Welland
Open Monday - Friday,
9:00am - 1:00pm
(905) 732-4110

ST. CATHARINES SOUTH REGION
Connaught Public School
28 Prince Street, St. Catharines
Open Monday-Friday,
8:45am -12:45 pm
(905) 682-6609

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